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Life of Our Savior

The extracts under the illustrations in this form are from the new "Life of Dariel" by Rev. Waiter Elliott, C.S.P. This superb week has been going through the press for the last year, and it will be me months still before it is lessed. Besides the strong devotional tone which makes its marrative so attractive, the most is addened by over 500 beautiful illustrations.

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St. John the Baptist was the saint st. John the Baptist was the saint with whom it pleased God to close the other dispensation and its long line of heroes—a saint whose virtues should be a worthy type of the ancient glories of Israel. His origin was from the purest sources of Hebrew holiness, the venerable couple Zachary and Elizabeth and was intimately joined to the acception and birth of the Messias, of whom he was appropriate to be the prebom he was appointed to be the pre-

It was to Zachary that it pleased God it was to Zachary that it pleased to send the earliest announcement that the world's redemption was at hand. In the performance of his priestly duty in the Temple he had entered the Holy of Holles to offer incense. We may well suppose that God opened this true priest's heart to the entire race of mankind in preparation for his marvelous vision had sometime to the soul serious priests. ision, but especially that his hely soul, God his own chosen race, upon whom Zachary well knew all other races de-pended for their redemption. As the fragrant incense ascended it bore his cartfelt petitions upward to the throne

of grace.

Suddenly a fiashing light dazzled and almost blinded him—at the right side of the altar, just beside the bread of proposition, stood an angel of the Lord. Zachary's humility overwhelms him; is this a visitatino for his sins?

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"He was troubled and fear fell upon him." The angel speaks and fear gives place to a thrill of costasy: "Fear not, Zachary, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son." " " More, oh, wonderfully more; he is to be a prophet, another Elias, a leader of Israel, "to preparaunito the Lord a perfect people." The union of Joseph and Mary in uncarnal wedlock is the beginning of that marvel of our concuplescent man-

that marvel of our concuplscent man-hood, the cellbate priesthood of the Church of Christ, Love for Jesus and, for his living tabernacle, his mother, was to Joseph the passion of passions, As he served Jesus and loved Mary in evere chastity, so do the members of be priesthood serve the ever-present the priesthood serve the ever-present Christ and his living tabernacle, which is his Church, in a spirit of joyful self-immolation, being so fascinated with this holy love that they forget the natural claims of flesh and blood. Independent of the control of the

Since her miraculous conception of the forerunner of God's anointed Elizthe forerunner of God's anointed Edg-abeth had known that he must soon appear, but she had not the faintest notion where or how. The sight of Mary revealed it all, for the Christ-batter was beaming in every loving feature of Mary's face, and quivered in the tones of her voice as she sailuted her-kinswoman. The dignity of Mary as the Mother of God-made man, the promises of the angel to her, and the relation of the two babes to each other, all was revealed. And not only berself was this light given and this exvenly secret unfolded, but also to er unborn son. As Elizabeth was the rst woman to acclaim the Savier and his mother with the voice of divine worship, so was the son in her womb the first man to proclaim him now, though yet unborn, and again upon the banks of the Jordan amid the eloquent

tones of his penance-preaching.
St. Matthew briefly describes the hard trial of Joseph and its issue:
"Now the generation of Christ was in this wise. When as his Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came togather, she was found with child, of the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately."

Tet it is not too much to say that the heart of Joseph was tried more paintilly than Mary's, for the mystery was all interested to her and was all hidden from him. To him the woe was overwhelming. God, therefore, chose to forth his will not to Mary but to Joseph, and that by means of a vision. One pight when he had fallen askep, watried with grief and doubt, the street of the Lord was sent to him and pake to him as in a dream. The street of the great title of Son of David.

up in swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger; then they both the gracious clown and adored him. It was a which is the bright crafte for the Son of God; this monarch of the world will yet.

Isoy Jesus did not appear, he was not to be found. After an anxious night the holy couple started back to Jerusalem, arriving there only at nightfall, and darkness and the confusion of departing caravans hindered further search till the morning; and that was the third day. Finally they found him "in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions."

And he worked at his trade with

And he worked at his trade with Joseph, being over his bench, his coisel in hand, or his saw or hammer, and thus his neighbors knew him until, eighteen years afterwards, he resumed the life-work he had claimed from his parents in the Temple at that memorable Passover.

How all nature prayed when Jesus How all nature prayed when Jesus prayed on the green hill-top! The earth and the sun and the heavenly bodies all spoke a language to him but vaguely guessed at by the poets. How the whispering wind and the genial sunshine and the musical notes of the birds, the happy voices of the little children, the murmur of the brooks, the bright time of the flowers, the welscome rain—how all were eloquent of God to the heart of Jesus Christ at Nazareth!

"Now there is at Jerusalem a pond."

Nazareth!

"Now there is at Jerusalem a pond called Probatica, which in Hebrew is called Bethsaida, having five proches. In these lay a great multitude of sick, of blind, of lame, of whithered, waiting for the moving of the water." It was a place of miracles, one of those Holy Wells which God's loving providence had scattered over all parts of Holy Wells which God's loving providence had scattered over all parts of the world. "And an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond, and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water, was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under."

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As Jesus passed there, he saw among the anxious watchers of the water's motion a sufferer whose air of despondency aroused his compassion; he had been infirm for thirty-eight years, and our Savior knew that he had been long and vainly waiting for his cure. 'Will thou be made whole?' he asked him. The man suppased he meant the healing given by the pool. His pitiful and even reproachful answer deepened the sympathy of the Savior, whose heart is a very ocean of healing. "I have no man to put me into the pond": as if to say, other invalids are rich and have their servants to lift them up and hurry them in before me, a miserable pauper; by the time that I have dragged myself to the bottom of the steps the angel is gone. But Jesus lifted him up quickly and by a mereword: "Arise, take up thy bed and walk." Instantly the blood flowed new and fresh into his withered legs, the dead nerves began to lingle with the warmth of life. He stood up immediately, lenped and jumped, took up his bed and walked."

when the first man, the Old Adam, was created, it was by infinite power breathing spirit life into dead clay. "He breathed into his face the breath of life, and man became a living sout." When it pleased the Blessed Trinity to renew the race of man through the not brought into existence by a new not brought into existence by a new act of creation; but God breathes the breath of life into the heart of Mary of Nazareth, unites the divine life to her pure blood, and thus forms Jesus Christ for the renewal of the fallen race. The New Asiam is conceived and born of the old race, but generated by an exclusive act of infinite power and love without the co-operation of human paternity. man paternity.

God's living condescension went even further than taking the same human nature that Adam had tainted by sin:
Jesus is not merely Adam's descendant,
and that of saintly men and chaste
women, with the greatest of saints for
his mother; but his blood is also that of apostate and idolatrous kings and shameless harlots. By his mother, how-ever, that blood was passed to him as if through a divine alembic, and cleansed till it was the immaculate

race of the Lord was sent to him and call to him as in a dream. The sel came to him and saluted him the great title of Son of David, the distance of the large of ancestors in majesty, a majesty only the more inspiring because it adorns

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ter custom is rapidly becoming Americalized and importers of church furnishings state that every year there is increased demand for Christmas cribs for decorative and devotional use in the home.

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Christmas on Teeberg

Roy Lambertson was discharged ways. When I thought I was on top from Bellevue Hospital, New York City, last week, and started at once for his home in Yarmouth, N. S., where he will cat his Christmas dinner. Last Christmas he had no dinner to eat and passed Christmas day on an iceber; Last thought of the folks at home, and that my father being probably drowned the

threw me one more into the water. The will at his Christmas dinner to eat and passed Christmas day on an feebra?

Lambertson is a youth of 18 years, but hardship and stekness make him look much older. When the brig Sea Serpent was moved to the Koherts wharf in Brooklyn early in March, Lambertson went ashore, and after shaking hands with his shipmines proceeded to Bellevue Hospital, where he was treated for gangrene superinduced by frost bites.

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"You do not want a footen the sea Serpent."

"You are not not a season of the sallor-fisherman."

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"Father and i went out fishing on Christmas eve last from Clark's Harber. We were after mackerel and were wasn't a breath of wind to fill the sail. After groping our way east for half an hour we struck against us, and I was thrown clean overhoad. I know now that the keel of our boat collided with the spur of an feeberg. When I rose to hope the struck against us, and I was thrown clean overhoad. I know now that the keel of our boat collided with the spur of an feeberg. When I rose to ho

How the Pope Will Begin the New Year

Fymns of Christmastide

"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR."

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold; "Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillnes lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats Oe'r all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are haste: ag on By prophet-bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling. And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing. -Edmund H. Sears.

Peace on earth and mercy mild;

ANGELS SING."

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; God and sinners reconciled."

"HARK, THE HERALD

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumphs of the skies, With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Veiled in flesh the Godhead see. Hail, incarnate Deity!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His' Wings.

"Hasten, mortals, to adore Him; Learn His name and taste His joy; Till in heaven ye sing before Him, "Glory be to God, most high." -Charles Wesley.

"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT,"

While shepher's watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line, A Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manager laid."

"All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good-will henceforth from heaven to men Begin and nover cease."

-Tate and Brady.

should be accused of levity. St. Fran- jewels are the votive offerings of kings, image and its benets, had another dollars.

"HARK, WHAT MEAN THOSE HOLY VOICES?"

Hark! What mean those holy voices Lo, the angelic host rejoices,

Listen to the wondrous story "Glory in the highest glory, Glory be to God on high!

"Peace on earth, good-will from heaven, Reaching far as man is found; Souls redeemed and sins forgiven,

"Christ is born, the great Anointed; Oh, receive whom God appointed

Sweetly sounding through the skies? Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

Which they chant in hymns of joy:

Loud our golden harps shall sound.

Heaven and earth his praises sing; For your Prophet, Priest and King." -John Cawood.

hrough a holy door of their own, to their particular apartments. Afterward for a whole year, these doors are scaled and impassable to all pligrims and all pentents. It is only at the 'bast of the matrity,' when a pentent may pass through, and then only with the blessing and upon their knees.

Accompanying the holy father and immediately behind him is the high pententary, who directs whatever shall be done, who stands between the pope and the through of people who are present to witness the occamon.

impossable to all pilerims and all pengrent Catholic divisions of the world, beginning at moon on the 24th day of December, which is the beginning of the New Year of apostolic history.

Prope Benfinee VIII instituted the customer of the Raellica of St. Feter's in Rome, and afterward directed that the custom should be observed at the beginning of each ceatury, in perpetuity. Since that time at has been observed only by the Jesuit fathers, but the Jeanit church of which the holy father is cault in the Jesuit fathers, but the Jeanit church of which the holy father is cault in the control of the service of the world.

The holy your begins with the first vespers of the feast of Christmas which is fixed at the median of the day preceding Christmas, or what we common church in the world at that hour has its holy door sealed. The workmen are present and are prepared to receive the cardinals, prelates and priests who approach, awaiting the three strokes of the silver mace, in order that the procession may not be seen the order that the procession will upon their knees; then he leads the way through the embrasive into the catherals in terior.

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A CHRISTMAS He, buth given to Lilitin a sword binde To thrust in her heart and let love through.

He hath given to Adah the grace to fol-The way of her mate overhill and hollow. He half brothled on Cain that his eyes may ween. And while they are wet may close in

His hath given to Lot to dream once more Of the Lappy time and the good days o'er.

Or ever the heavens wept flery rain. On the child fair cities of the plain.

Now all have gone from His Presence shriven, Bave the greatest and first and last of the accura-Bave And the Cella in His sleep spoke out and And the Crist in His sicep spoke out and
"What will thou? The woman has bruisof the head?"
And the Smake writhed hence, and round
Litth's waist
It clust, and it would not be unlaced;
But the wound in her bosom dropped
with red,
And the gree went blind in the Sarpent's
head.

Denf and blanded, he could not see The trees arising on Calvary; There are of the ollves he could not hear. That same for the young Child cradled Be still. Oh, reed; thou art not a spear.
Abble thy time and thy place, as we.
-Nora Hopper, in St. Fetera.